

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Dec 2023 at 03:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a cold dry end to the week, but low for extent of any low cloud or fog. Lower confidence for chance of snow showers Monday and for milder, stormier conditions on Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 02 Dec 2023: Cold and dry. Sunny in northeast, cloudy in southwest

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
00%	<05%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%

Forecast for Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Weather: A dry sunny day for most, although patchy cloud possible across the far southwest around Ben Alder, this likely to become more extensive in the afternoon. Another dry cold dry night to follow with clear spell, most extensive in the north.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in the northeast, 40% in the southwest

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in any fog in the glens early to mid-morning. Otherwise very good visibility across most ranges, perhaps some occasional mist at munro level late afternoon. However, patchy cloud is likely above 900-1000m across the southwest from late morning, thickening and lowering to 700m in the afternoon, although munro summits may be above the cloud.

Forecast for Saturday 02 Dec 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/14 SW	12/15 S	9/13 S	8/10 S	6/7 S	5/7 S	6/8 S
900	11/13 SW	10/13 S	9/11 S	8/10 S	6/8 S	5/6 S	5/6 S
600	5/7 SW	5/6 W	4/6 SE	4/6 S	3/5 SW	3/4 W	2/4 SW
300	3/7 SW	3/7 SW	2/7 SW	2/6 S	3/6 SW	2/5 S	2/5 S
Glen	3/9 SW	3/9 SW	3/9 S	3/7 SW	3/6 SW	2/6 S	2/5 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-9/-16	-9/-16	-8/-14	-9/-14	-11/-16	-12/-16	-11/-16
900	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-9	-6/-10	-6/-10	-6/-10
600	-3/-6	-3/-6	-2/-5	-3/-5	-4/-7	-5/-7	-5/-7
300	-7/-9	-6/-9	-2/-4	-4/-6	-6/-9	-7/-10	-8/-10
Glen	-8/-11	-7/-9	-2/-3	-4/-6	-6/-9	-8/-11	-10/-12
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A fine winter's day across the north of the area, best of the sunshine across the northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath hills with some sun glare off the snowpack. However, even light winds will give a bitterly cold feel.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Dec 2023

Weather: Very cold and dry with clear spells through the early hours, best of these in the north of the area. Some fog is likely in the glens during the morning, perhaps persisting into the afternoon. Otherwise a cold dry day with good sunny spells. Cloud is likely to increase in the evening and overnight, with the best chance of clear skies in the west.

Maximum wind: Mainly east or southeast, 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in any fog in the glens, this perhaps extending up to 800m. Otherwise very good or excellent visibility on the tops. Patchy cloud lowering to 900m across eastern hills in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 Celsius rising to minus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 6 Celsius rising to minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m or less.